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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Stefan SCHÄFER ET AL. - 4 PCT  
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TITLE: HOLLOW FIBER MEMBRANE FILTER WITH A SUPPORTING  
STRUCTURE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the initial Office Action, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this  
paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of  
claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.